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Dear Doctor Newell:

I had meant to write you for some time. But as is so often the case I had postponed it.

Today I have really a specific question in mind. I have heard indirectly that you have decided to accept the position at Johns Hopkins but that the American Museum of Natural History and Columbia also were offering you a position. If you are not any more interested in the American Museum position I would be interested to know about it. Of course, I do not want to interfere in any way with your plans if they be not yet far enough developed.

Here at the University of Texas have been many changes. The president, Dr. Rainey, was dismissed by the regents and turmoil with very nasty recriminations has arisen. It may be that the University will be blacklisted by the accrediting bodies. Although all this does not affect the Bureau directly, indirectly it will certainly do so. For these reasons I think it may be wise to seek employment elsewhere although a fair increase in my salary has been indicated for next year.

What I would like to know is what were the conditions, financial and other, that were offered to you in New York? (If it is possible for you to divulge them). Whatever information you may have concerning this prospect would be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours

H. B. Stenzel

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